

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated June 15, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments. We also enclose a Terminal Disclaimer linking the term and ownership of any patent granted on the present application to that of US 6,652,074.

Amendments

Page 1 of the specification has been updated to incorporate a paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications". The Applicant submits that this amendment introduces no new matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of original claim 2. In light of this, claim 2 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

The enclosed Terminal Disclaimer links the term and ownership of any patent granted on the present application to that of US 6,652,074. This avoids any improper timewise extension of patent rights or harassment from multiple assignees.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 have been rejected for lack of novelty in light of US 6,352,337 to Sharma.

Amended claim 1 defines the features of canceled claim 2. These features are not disclosed in Sharma. Accordingly, the cited reference fails to anticipate amended claim 1 or any of its dependent claims.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 6 stands rejected as obvious in light of US 6,352,337 to Sharma in view of US 6,276,782 to Sharma.

Pursuant to the above, neither of the citations teach nor suggest a printhead chip having the combination of elements defined by amended claim 1. It follows that the cited references also fail to support a §103 rejection of claim 6 which directly depends from amended claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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